



MINUTES OF FORRES AREA FORUM MEETING

WEDNESDAY 6TH APRIL 2022

PRESENT

David Parker, Vice Chair (DP)	John Bremner, Treasurer (JB)
Councillor Lorna Creswell (LC)	Debbie Herron, (DH)
Martin Robertson, Moray Council (MR)	Ben Stewart (BS)
Tina Coffey, Minutes (TC)	

APOLOGIES

Sandra MacLennan, Chair (SM)	David Edgar (DE)
Mike Scott (MS)	Angela Sutherland (AS)

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1. Welcome from Chair	Vice Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2. Minutes from 2 nd March 22	The minutes from the last meeting had been circulated, there were no amendments. The minutes were proposed by Debbie and seconded by David.	
3. Matters arising	Item 4 – paperwork regarding accounts has been forwarded on Item 4 – roundabouts, Chair to follow up Item 4 – Ben has arranged a junior Hustings in the Tolbooth on 7 th April commencing 7pm Item 11 – Forres Queen’s Jubilee meeting took place, there will be a Toun Mercat on Friday 3 rd June and activities in Grant Park on Sunday 5 th June with support from the Army dependent upon other activities, children’s fancy dress competition and party and dependant upon commitments there will be a gun carriage run organised by 38 Engineers. Royal British Legion will hold an event on Saturday, more information to come	SM

	<p>Item 6 – Transport Forum – David, Sandra and Angela attended with David feeding back that the day went well with presentations on how things would be taken on going forward, costs (i.e. petrol) are to be budgeted with regard to local service contracts, there is a 5-year budget in place with money being received in phases</p> <p>Item 11 – Lorna is awaiting a reply from Moray Council regarding the 30mph zones, she will follow up</p> <p>Item 11 – bus timetables, Lorna received a reply from Stagecoach stating they are working in conjunction with HiTrans on inserts which have all departures per service under a correct header, this is a work in progress</p> <p>Item 13 – Chair to invite Kresanna to speak at a FAF meeting</p>	<p>LC</p> <p>SM</p>
<p>4. Treasurers Report</p>	<p>From January there have been 2 cheques written, £50 for secretarial duties and £119.99 for McAfee. Annual remittance of £1,119.26 has been received from Moray Council leaving a balance of £3,116.63 on the account.</p>	
<p>5. Correspondence</p>	<p>Secretary emailed out the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scottish Women’s Convention newsletter • tsiMORAY e-Bulletin • tsiMORAY e-Bulletin • Volunteers Fair/Showcase • tsiMORAY e-Bulletin • Moray Transport Forum – relaunch • Money Matters flier • STP – bulletin • STP Funding Finder – March 2022 • tsiMORAY e-Bulletin • tsiMORAY e-Bulletin 	
<p>6. FACT</p>	<p>Debbie informed those present of the following: Meet & Eat is fully booked. Activity programme is fully booked with waiting lists, there is a break in April whilst the summer programme is worked on. Funding received from tsiMORAY’s Health & Wellbeing Fund and the Auchernack Trust. Coffee mornings have taken place each busier than the last. Volunteer Fair was busy although commented on that the Lesser Hall was not as busy, this is an observation for the upcoming SoC event. Gentle Seated Exercise has moved from Monday to Tuesday, very popular event. Staff change – Carolyn Purves is working on the Employability Project with regard to training, engagement and outreach to encourage people back into work. It has been flagged up that there are those who are struggling financially and FACT is putting them in touch with the credit union and money advice services. Coffee morning booked for 7th May and is being run by the Town Hall User Group.</p>	

	<p>Pop-up pantry will start on 30th April, volunteers required to run this. Moray Food Plus and FACT will work in partnership with funding from Berry Burn with the aim to reduce food waste. It will be run at the same time as the coffee morning but in the Lesser Hall, free to join and pay £2.50 and shop from what is available on the table – the £2.50 paid will go towards topping up those items which have not been donated or are running low. This is a pilot for 4 months and fliers will be circulated in the coming weeks.</p> <p>The building warrant for the town hall is progressing and there is increased usage of the town hall. Hope to start the capital project and have to raise £3.7 million.</p> <p>Community meal on 18th May looking for volunteers to help, free training for a food hygiene certificate is available please contact the town hall.</p>	
7. Spirit of Community 2022	<p>Training for SOAR will take place on 7th April, 3.30 – 4.30pm in the town hall by Johanna Quinney, 16 facilitators are required on the 27th April and volunteers are sought. tsiMoray will help to facilitate. Promote by word of mouth along with fliers. Sub group met on 4th April and drafted questions for a Survey Monkey which is to be circulated on the evening of 27th April. Work needs to be undertaken to engage with young people. On the night there will be a welcome and registration, Seymour Monro is willing to host the event, hoping to have Daniel from the Gazette to take photos. Please promote to all.</p>	Whole Group
8. Moray Towns Partnership	No meeting has taken place since the last FAF meeting.	
9. Moray Area Forum	No meeting has taken place since the last FAF meeting.	
10. Round the Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DP – Men’s Shed open day on 16th April from 10am to 12 noon • JB – Royal British Legion is meeting next week to finalise upcoming events but hoping to have an ox roast on the 4th June • BS – will be hosting a young persons Hustings with candidates for local Councillors • MR – Green Spaces Meeting held. Mannachie Master Plan consultant appointed and more community engagement in the coming months • TC – violin and cello concert at St John’s church on 9th April commencing 7pm 	
11. Councillors	<p>Councillor Creswell informed those present of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correspondence between banks, post office and job centre, Richard Lochhead is trying to establish a bank hub in Forres, unsure how the closure of banks in Forres was well received 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Job Centre is closing post office accounts for those on benefits and people are being redirected to the credit union • Credit union is having to discourage groups from joining as the money deposited is a liability and loans are assets which the credit union require • Credit union frontage has been replaced and the internal front painted • Attended long meetings at Moray Council • Extension of flexible food and Covid Recovery Funding, mainly retail, hospitality and tourism • Early Years consultant to be appointed to sort out the over spend • Gift Cards have been funded for a year by Covid money and will write to Jim Grant following up gift cards • Awaiting answers regarding accommodation and leases 	LC
12. AOB	<p>Film Forres are showing the film Peter Rabbit on 8th April and will be speaking with the Rafford community regarding an outreach film.</p> <p>Money for Moray – Tina to attend the market place event with information from FAF, FACT and FCC regarding information related to a request for £4k to relaunch the information directory previously distributed in 2017.</p>	
13. Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 4 th May 2022, 7pm in the North Room of the Town Hall.	